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BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF UTAH

COMPLAINANT:

UTAH INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

RESPONDENT:

DISCOVER PROPERTY & CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY 5 Batterson Park Rd. Farmington, CT 60632 Utah Id. No. 1200 STIPULATION & ORDER

Docket No. <u>2009-034</u> PC

Enf. Case No. <u>2350</u>

STIPULATION

- 1. Respondent, Discover Property & Casualty Insurance Company, is an insurance company domiciled in the State of Illinois and authorized to do business in the State of Utah, Utah Company Identification No. 1200.
 - 2. Respondent stipulates with the Complainant, Utah Insurance Department, as follows:
- a. If a hearing were held, witnesses called by the Complainant could offer and introduce evidence that would support the Findings of Fact herein;
 - b. Respondent admits the Findings of Fact and Conclusions made therefrom;

c. Respondent stipulates to the summary entry of the Order herein which shall be in lieu of other administrative proceedings by Complainant in this matter; and

d. Respondent and Complainant have negotiated the terms of the Order entered herein and Respondent agrees to its entry and further agrees to be bound by all its terms.

3. Respondent is aware of its right to a hearing at which it may be represented by counsel, present evidence and cross-examine witnesses. Respondent has irrevocably waived its right to such hearing and to any appeal related thereto.

4. Respondent admits the jurisdiction of the State of Utah Insurance Commissioner as to all matters herein.

5. Respondent is acting herein free from any duress or coercion of any kind or nature, having been advised fully as to its rights set forth herein.

6. Respondent acknowledges that the issuance of this Order by the Commissioner is solely for the purpose of disposition of the matter entitled herein.

DATED	this	- Gathe	day	of	MARCH	, 2009.
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DISCOVER PROPERTY & CASUALTY

INSURANCE COMPANY

Edward Colechia, Vice Pres. Claims

UTAH INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

M. Gale Lemmon, Assistant Attorney General

Based upon the foregoing Stipulation and information in the file, the Presiding Officer makes the following Findings of Fact:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Beginning in the year 2000, Respondent hired Hertz Claim Management Corporation (Hertz) to handle about three (3) claims involving insurance for National Express Corporation, and on or about March 1, 2007, contracted with Hertz to handle Public Storage claims in the State of Utah.
- 2. At the time Respondent utilized the services of Hertz to handle claims in Utah, Hertz was not licensed as an adjuster in the State of Utah, and Hertz adjusted about 82 claims in Utah for Respondent while not licensed.
- 3. Upon being informed that Hertz was not licensed as an adjuster in Utah, Respondent immediately required them to become licensed, which occurred on November 18, 2008.

Based upon the foregoing Stipulation and Findings of Fact, the Presiding Officer enters the following Conclusions of Law:

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. In utilizing the services of an adjuster that was not licensed in this state, Respondent violated Utah Code Annotated § 31A-26-201.

Based upon the foregoing Stipulation, Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Presiding Officer herewith enters the following Order:

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Respondent is assessed an administrative forfeiture in the amount of \$5,000.00, to be paid within 30 days of the date of this Order.

NOTIFICATION

Respondent is hereby notified that failure to abide by the terms of this Order may subject it to further penalties, including additional forfeitures of up to \$5,000.00 per violation and the suspension or revocation of its license, and the filing of an action to enforce this Order in the District Court, which may impose penalties of up to \$10,000.00 per day for continued violation.

You are further notified that other jurisdictions in which you may be licensed may require that you report this action to them.

DATED this 12 th day of March , 2009.

D. KENT MICHIE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

MARK E. KLEINFIELD, Esq.

Administrative Law Judge Utah Insurance Department

State Office Building, Room 3110

Salt Lake City, Utah 84114 Telephone (801) 538-3800

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I do hereby certify that on this date I mailed, by regular mail, postage prepaid a true and correct copy of the attached:

STIPULATION & ORDER

To the following:

Discover Property & Casualty Ins Co 5 Batterson Park Road Farmington, CT 60632

DATED this 16 th day of March, 2009.

Linda Hardy

Court Clerk

Utah Department of Insurance State Office Building, Room 3110 Salt Lake City, UT 84114-6901

UTAH Invoice - Original

Printed Date: March 16, 2009 March 16, 2009 Invoice Date: Balance Due: \$5,000.00 Due Date: April 11, 2009 Invoice ID: 406256 NAIC ID: 36463 Payor ID: 1200

DISCOVER PROPERTY CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY 5 BATTERSON PARK RD FARMINGTON CT 06032

Item Description Amount Monetary Penalty Company \$5,000.00 3/16/2009 E-Case 2350 Docket 2009 034 PC \$5,000.00 **Original Amount Due**

UTAH Invoice - Original

Make checks payable to: Utah Insurance Department

Send payment to:

Utah Insurance Department 3110 State Office Building Salt Lake City, UT 84114-6901 Invoice Date: March 16, 2009 Balance Due: \$5,000.00 Due Date: April 11, 2009 406256 Invoice ID: Payor ID: 1200

Payor Name: **DISCOVER** PROPERTY & **CASUALTY INSURANCE**

COMPANY